

REMARKS

A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith, by which the term of the patent to issue on the present application will not extend beyond that of the patent to issue on co-pending Application Serial No. 10/522,803.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims on the ground of "double patenting" with that co-pending application: the accompanying terminal disclaimer removes that ground of rejection.

Reconsideration is also respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over KNOPKA in view of HATCH.

We think the Examiner has accurately identified the actual teachings of KNOPKA and HATCH.

But the conclusion that the combination of KNOPKA and HATCH will teach the present invention as set forth in claim 1, we believe, is incorrect.

Specifically, KNOPKA fails to tell us what to do with the three different types of fibers. HATCH tells us to use core fibers and to use outer hydrophilic fibers.

But that is not what we claim. In claim 1, we recite core fibers, and, on the outside, a mixture of flame-retardant fibers and hydrophilic fibers.

Where in the prior art is the teaching of a mixture of flame-retardant fibers and hydrophilic fibers, in an outer coating? So far as we know, there is no such teaching.

As claim 1 clearly brings out this distinction with ample particularity, it is believed that claim 1 is patentable, and with it the claims that depend therefrom.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Please charge the terminal disclaimer fee of \$130 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Appendix:**

The Appendix includes the following item:

- terminal disclaimer